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LOK SABHA

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ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER SGSY .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The main features of Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY);

(b) The details of various projects implemented thereunder and the amount allocated for the purpose during the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(c) The progress made by each State in this regard so far; and

(d) The steps taken by the Government to make awareness among the public on SGSY and to make it a success?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) The main features of the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) is at Annexure-I.

(b) SGSY is a holistic programme covering all aspects of self-employment such as organization of the poor into Self-Help Groups (SHGs), training, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing. The objective of SGSY is to bring the assisted poor families

(swarojgaries) above the poverty line by ensuring appreciable increase in incomes over a period of time. This objective is to be achieved by inter − alia organizing the rural poor into SHGs through a process of social mobilization, their training and capacity building and provision of income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and government subsidy. A statement indicating state-wise central allocation during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-II.

(c) The total number of SHGs formed and total swarojgaries assisted

(SHGs+individuals), State-wise, since inception, is at Annexure-III.

(d) Wide publicity to the Scheme is given through print and electronic media to universalize the SHG movement. NGOs/Voluntary Agencies/Community based organizations are co-opted as facilitators for motivation, formation of the groups, training and capacity building etc.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3632 for 25/8/06
Salient features of the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

The SGSY is a holistic programme covering all aspects of self employment i.e. organisation of the rural poor into Self Help Groups(SHGs), training and capacity building, planning of activity clusters, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing.

It aims at establishing a large number of micro enterprises in the rural areas and building upon the potential of the rural poor.

The assisted families (swarozgaris) may be individuals or groups (Self Help Groups). However, the emphasis will be on the group approach.

In establishing micro enterprises, the emphasis is on the cluster approach. The number of key activities selected in a block should not ordinarily exceed 10. However, focus should be on 4-5 key activities which are identified based on the resources, occupational skills of the people and availability of markets.

SGSY is a credit-cum-subsidy programme, in which credit is the critical component, subsidy being only a minor and enabling element.

It envisages greater involvement of banks in planning and preparation of projects, identification of activity cluster, infrastructure planning, capacity building of SHGs, selection of swarozgaris and post credit monitoring including loan recovery.

It promotes multiple credit rather than one time credit injection.